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HANA TO YUME COMICS

# GLASS MASK

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IN  
HAR-  
LAND

YES! ENCOURAGED  
BY LASTONIA HAS  
HARLAND BEEN  
COURTED TO ACCORD.

THERE SEEMS  
BUT A FEW  
MEASURES  
REMAINING  
THE COPPER  
MINES

YET THE  
TREATY WILL  
BE SIGNED  
SOON.

PRINCESS  
ALDIS  
HAS FOR  
A MONTH  
PLANNED IN-  
TERMEDIARY  
IN HAR-  
LAND...

OF THIS PEACE,  
PRINCESS ALDIS  
HAS BEEN THE  
PRINCIPAL  
SUPPORTER.

DURING WHICH  
SHE HAS  
CHARMED ROYAL  
HARLAND AND  
THEIR PEERS.

PEACE  
BETWEEN  
LASTONIA  
AND HAR-  
LAND?

HELLOO!

CANST  
THIS BE?

BY OBTAINING  
THE LORD  
GOD'S  
COMMAND...

LOVE THY  
NEIGHBOUR

EVEN SO, THY  
DEED WILL  
RECEIVED,  
YOUR VISIT  
TO HOSTILE  
HARLAND.

TACHTEN IN  
DEFERENCE  
OF YOUR  
FATHER

PRIN-  
CESS  
ALDIS...



WOULDN'T  
IT HAVE  
GIVEN  
AND.

FOR VIL-  
LAINOUS  
WARS  
WOULD  
HAVE  
STILLED  
STILL BY HIS  
WISDOM.



YET HAD WE  
DECEIVED YOU  
BY MISLEADING  
FORCE?



CAN'T NOT  
WE ARISE IN  
HARMONY?

WITH LOVE FOR  
HARLAND CAN'T  
I BUT ENTREAT  
PEACE TO COME  
AMONGST US.



HATE,  
VIOLENCE  
AND THE  
SHEDDING  
OF BLOOD...

HATE IS  
DETESTA-  
BLE...

EVEN SO  
WITH  
WORTHY  
RIGOR  
HARLAND.



I TRUST THAT NEVER WOULD  
HE ENDANGER ANY PERSON,  
HAD I BEEN HELD RANSOM  
TO HIS GOODWILL...

BY MY  
FATHER'S  
AFFECTION.



THOUGH NOT  
YET PRESENT  
AT COURT, MY  
SON AND  
DAUGHTER...

I WOULD BE  
PLEASED IF  
YOU WITH  
THEM HOLD  
AN AUDI-  
ENCE.

IF IT  
PLEASES  
YOUR  
MAJESTY.

SO SHALL  
WE ALSO  
RETURN TO  
LANTERNA  
TO TRULY  
IN CONGRU-  
LITY.

AND SO, THOUGH  
WITH MORTAL  
PERIL, IN FAITH  
HAVE YOU  
COME TO US:

THIS SHALL WE  
ALSO REMOUR  
THE ALMIGHTY.



BID I  
FOR  
YOUR  
GRACE.

PRINCESS  
ALICE.

YOUR  
MAG-  
NITUDE

IN MY  
HONORARY  
HAVE I  
REWARDED  
YOU.

WONDERFUL  
STRANGE  
ARE YOU,  
PRINCESS.



FORTUNE,  
AND POWER

ON THEIR  
GREED  
WOULDN'T  
PEACE BE  
SACRIFICED?

THE PATH  
OF AGONY  
BE THE  
ONLY  
TRUTH

ALICE!

DON'T SEE  
BETWEEN LOVE  
BE THE ONLY  
PATH



AND, SHALL  
I PROVE  
THIS TO  
YOU?

ALRIGHT!

WHAT?  
BRINWALD  
HAS OFFERED  
US AID?

AN OFFER OF  
HELP FROM  
BRINWALD IS  
NOT LATE IN  
COMING...

POSS SHE  
HOLD  
LUSTORIA  
IN SUCH  
AFFEC-  
TION...

FROM  
BRINWALD  
HAS SHE  
GAINED  
THIS  
BOON?

NOW HAS  
SHE SOL-  
STICED  
OUR MIL-  
TARY?

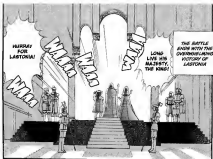
SCAR-  
CE CAN  
WE  
CON-  
CEIVE THIS.

WITH GREAT EFFECT  
HAS HER HIGHNESS  
ORGELO SWAYED  
BRINWALD TO OFFER  
SUCH A GIFT.

MOIST  
ADMITTABLE?







HURRAY  
FOR  
LASTONIA!

WAAAAA  
WAAAAA  
WAAAAA

LONG  
LIVE HIS  
MAJESTY,  
THE KING!

THE BATTLE  
ENDS WITH THE  
OVERWHELMING  
VICTORY OF  
LASTONIA



HURRAY  
FOR BR-  
INWALD!

LONG  
LIVE HER  
HOUGHTS,  
GRIGOLD!

THE KINGDOM COMES  
TO KNOW THAT  
GRIGOLD IS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR  
THIS VICTORY.

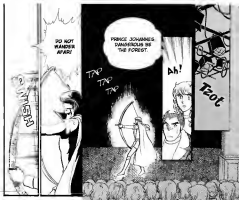


WHILE ALON  
SUFFERS,  
GRIGOLD ACTS.

WOULD IT  
BE MY FATE  
ALON?

VERNA!

THE ROYAL  
FAMILY OF  
HERLAND WAS  
EXECUTED!





TURN  
OUT THE GUARD!

EVEN THE  
TREES  
SHALL  
NOT STAND  
THEIR BACK-  
TURNS!



HAST SOME  
DISTANT  
COUNTR  
SURVIVED?

YET DOES  
THIS ARROW  
BEAR THE  
FLAGGING  
OF RIVAL  
HARLAND!



NOTHING...  
NOTHING BUT  
SHADOWS. THE  
LIGHT HAS GONE  
OUT OF OUR  
LEAD...

OO-  
HARRIES



LOOKS OF  
FACERUS, EYES  
OF ATE YOUR  
MORTA... SHALL  
NOT FIND AGAIN IN  
THESE HALLS.

JOHANNES,  
MY BRO-  
THER..

JOHANNES!  
HIER TO THIS  
WITCHED  
KINGDOM'S  
THRONE!



OO-  
HARRIES

OO-  
HARRIES

OO-  
HARRIES

OO-  
HARRIES...

OO-  
HARRIES



THESE MEN  
QUEEN KATHARIN'S  
CLIMB COME...

RE-  
VENGE

OO-  
HARRIES



OO-  
HARRIES

OO-  
HARRIES





YOU SAY THE  
KING'S DAYS  
ARE NOT  
LONG...

WULF  
FRANCIS  
GRIMOLD'S  
MURDER IS  
DECLARED  
FROM HERE  
LASTING...

THE KING LONG  
OBSERVE ALL...



THEY  
SHOULD  
WE ACHIEVE  
THE ASCENSION  
OF ALON.

IT  
MAY  
NOT  
HAPPEN

THE KING'S  
DESIRE WILL  
BUT SOON OUR  
OWN SOLD IN  
LASTONIA

FOR THIS  
SHOULD WE  
WORK  
TOWARD  
CROWNING  
ALON



AMONG OUR  
SUPPORT  
FRONTS /

DUE TO THE WAR,  
GRIMOLD WILL  
ASCEND OF A  
SURETY.

AND SO WOULD  
GRIMOLD  
CONSIDER  
LASTONIA.



SO MUST  
WE COME  
TO ACCORD  
RECKONING  
THE ASSAS-  
SINATION OF  
FRANCIS  
GRIMOLD



ALL MUST  
BE ABOVE  
SUSPICION.

LET US  
ISSUE AN  
INVITATION...



UPON THIS  
MOMENTOUS  
FURNISHMENT  
SHALL WE  
PLEASE OUR  
SEALS TO  
THE NAMES  
OF PRINCESS  
ORIGELA.

CAUTION  
BE OUR  
WATCH-  
WORD.

SHOULD  
IT FAIL,  
BRINWALD  
SHALL  
ADVANCE.



HERE  
SHALL  
WE  
VOW...

NOW ARE  
WE CON-  
FEDER-  
ATES!

...TO  
HOLD  
TO IT



SHOULD HIS  
MAJESTY'S HEALTH  
FAIL, SHE STANDS  
AS HEIR'S  
PRESUMPTIVE!

SACERDAN I  
FOR HER  
PRESIDENCY!

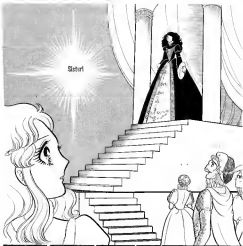
PRINCESS ORIGELA,  
MARRIED TO BRINWALD,  
SHALL VISIT AON  
WITH HER FATHER,  
THE KING?

SO SHOULD  
WE CURRY  
HER FAVOR.



HER ROYAL  
HIGHNESS  
ORIGELA OF  
BRINWALD!

AND ORIGELA  
FINALLY  
ARRIVES...







HAS  
RETURNED.

ORIGELD, FIRST  
PRINCESS OF  
LASTONIA..



AS THE KING'S  
SUCCESSOR, TRULY  
SHE IS WELL SUITED.

AND THE  
HERBES  
PRESUMPTIVE.

AND WHAT  
BOY.  
BEARING!

ANY WHAT  
DIGNITY IN  
FEATURE!



Hu  
Hu  
Hu

Hu  
Hu  
Hu



SO WAS  
ORIGHELD  
RETURNED.



DEY OF THE  
PREVIOUS QUEEN!

WITH THE  
DEATH OF PRINCE  
JOHANNES, SHE  
HAS BEEN DECLARED  
REGENT-PRO-SUB-  
STITUTE, NEXT IN LINE  
TO THE THRONE!



SHOULDN'T THE KING,  
WHOSE LL HEALTH  
MAY FAIL, SO SHALL  
LANTONA LOSE A  
KING AND GAIN  
A QUEEN...

YET EVEN  
WITH SUCH  
KNOWLEDGE DO  
THE PEERS  
FLICK TO AID!

AND ONE  
NIGHT...

COULD HAVE  
OTHER PLANS...

UNDER THE PRETEXT  
OF A VISIT, ALDUS  
GRANDFATHER, COUNT  
ROTTFREED, SUMMONED  
CAROLE TO JAIL HER.

AND AS THE  
CLOCK  
WINDING HAN,  
SO DID HIS  
BREATH FILTER  
AND CEASE...

THE KING  
OF LAS-  
TANIA IS  
DEAD...

SO DARK  
WAS  
THE KING'S  
PASSING...

AND AS  
THE BOYS  
TO THE  
BODY...

DISMISSE  
THE  
GUARD.

SAY THE  
KING WAS  
SUMMONED  
HER TO HIS SIDE

SUMMON  
THE LADY  
CAROLEL

COUNT  
ROTTFREED

SO SHALL  
WE KEEP  
HEAR  
ABOUT IT?

KEEP TALK  
CLOSE!

YES,  
SIR!





I THANK  
YOU FOR THE  
COUNTRY I'LL  
RULE OVER.

YOUR  
MAJ-  
ESTY.



NOUGHT BUT  
DEATH SHALL  
YOU FIND!

THANK YOU  
NOW OF TRI-  
UMPH, LADY  
CROWLEY!



CEASE THIS  
DESPICABLE  
FAIRCE!

COUNT  
NOTT-  
FRIER.



YET AS QUICK  
AS THE FLY  
BROS. SO TOO  
WAS THE KING



SO HAS HIS  
MAJESTY'S  
LOYAL  
SERVANTS  
STUMBLER  
UPON YOUR  
POISONING OF  
THE KING...

THEY  
GET  
UPON  
YOUR

AS YOU HAD  
PLANNED HIS  
DEATH, A  
STOPPAGE OF  
THE HEART.



DOONC  
DOONC  
DOONC  
DOONC  
DOONC

WHY DOES  
THE BELLS  
TOLL?

WHY, THEY  
TOLL OF  
DEATH!



THE KING IS  
DEAD! LONG  
LIVE THE  
QUEEN!

THE KING  
HAS PASSED  
AWAY!



THE KING  
IS DEAD!



SOMEONE AWARE  
OF THE KING'S  
DEATH MUST  
HAVE SPREAD  
THE NEWS.



WHAT'S  
HAPPENING?  
WHO COULD  
HAVE...

DOONC



YOU WERE  
TRAITOR!



SHALL I  
DISCLOSE  
THESE  
HAPPENINGS  
TO THEE?

IT DOTH SEEM THAT  
THY FORTUNE HAS  
TURNED SOUL...

...SOUND  
GOTTREID



...YET THE  
PLOT WAS  
DISCOVERED  
AND CRUSHED.

IN A PLOT TO SEIZE  
THE THRONE, SO  
DOES HE PLAN  
TREASONOUS HARM  
TO THE HEIRESS  
PRELAPSIVE AND  
PRINCESS OF A  
NEIGHBORING  
POWER.

A MINSTER,  
AMBITIOUS FOR THE  
THRONE, CONCEALS  
THE DEATH OF THE  
KING.

WHY??



AAAH

RUMBLE

SO HAVE WE,  
SOLDIERS OF  
BRINWALD, FIND  
OURSELVES IN  
LASTONIA!

THE CASTLE  
IS OURS!

ARE YOU SAFE,  
YOUR MAJESTY?

WHATT?

WHAT DOB  
THOU THINK  
TIS NOT A  
MONEROUS  
TART?

...AND, UNITED BY  
THE PRINCESS,  
HATH DEFEATED THE  
EVIL MINISTER AND  
HIS BELOVED SON.

YET THE HEIR HATH  
ACCEPTED FEALTY FROM  
SEVERAL LORDS  
ALONG WITH THEIR  
PERSONAL GUARD...





AND THOU  
SHALT NOT BE  
WRAGED OF  
THY  
ASSASSINE  
RAVE...



AND SO IT  
IS ENDED!

UPON THE  
KING'S DEATH  
SHALL I  
ASCEND AS  
LADYDAVE'S  
QUEEN



YOUR  
HIGHNESS,  
THE VAN OF  
BRINWOLD  
COMETH



...COUNT  
SCOTTREID  
AND LADY  
DAVEHIST



ALL OF  
SCOTTREID!  
LET NONE  
ESCAPE!

SO SHALL ALL  
TRAITORS BE  
CAPTURED AND  
EXECUTED!



WAS AN AMAZING  
ENERGY  
AFTER-SAN  
HIS...?

SO  
CARE  
BUT...

YOU'RE  
RIGHT



YOUR  
MIL-  
BOTH



AAAHH  
AAAHH  
AAAHH



YET WAS THE  
PERSON DONE  
IT'S WORK...



BUT THAT  
I NEEDED  
A LITTLE  
TANK

THANKS!

DONG  
DONG DONG









HOW THEY  
SEEM IM-  
PRISONED  
HERE AS  
WELL? GOLD!

YET WHERE  
ARE MY  
GRAND-  
FATHER AND  
MOTHER...?

HOW  
GOLD...

GOLD ENOUGH  
TO BLOW THE  
BLOOD.



TO MOVE TO HIGH  
TREASON, MY  
GRANDFATHER AND  
MOTHER I CANNOT  
COURTENANCE!

ALLOW ME  
THIS  
MERCY, I  
BEG YOU!

ARE THEY  
ALL RIGHT?



LET ME SEE  
MY FATHER!

AWAY AND MY  
POOR, POOR  
FATHER!

STRONG AND  
GENTLE!



IF I COULD AT  
LEAST SAVE  
THEM FROM  
DEATH!

HIT FOR MY  
FAMILY ALSO?

LET ME  
SPEAK TO  
THE QUEEN  
AND SEE HER  
FORGIVENESS ...

BE SAFE, I  
PRAY, GRAND-  
FATHER,  
MOTHER...

IT'S  
COLD...





SHE'S ABLE TO PROJECT SUCH AN EXPRESSION EVEN DOWN HERE

WHAT A HEART-BREAKING EXPRESSION ...



Maya



Maya



WELLS, AND SINCE LONG-REVENING, RECOVERED AND AWAY

THE GARDEN IS NOW ALSO CASTLE

*Whooooo!*



I AM GLAD TO SEE YOU ARE WELL, YOUR HIGHNESS!

HOW WONDERFUL! THAT I FEARED NEVER TO SEE THIS AGAIN!





AND TWICE  
EACH WEEK  
SHALL YOU  
RECEIVE A  
TUTOR.

YOU WILL  
HAVE ONE  
ATTEND-  
ANT

THE NEW  
SHALL BE  
YOUR  
DRAUGHT

PRINCIPAL  
ALSO...



SINCE YOU  
HAVE BEEN  
SHOWN  
MERCY...

CANT OFF ALL  
AMBITION



YOU WILL  
BE GIVEN  
TWO  
HOURS A  
DAY

THE PRIEST  
ONCE A  
WEEK

WALK  
EITHER IN  
THE MAIN  
COURTYARD  
OR THE  
TOWER



VENA, FORGIVE  
ME. THE GUE TO  
BE THAT THOU  
ART HERE...

HOW CAN YOU SAY  
THAT? I WILL FOLLOW  
YOU ANYWHERE...

YOUR HIGHNESS,  
ALL YOUR LIFE  
HAVE YOU REIGNED  
WITHIN THE PALACE  
KNOWING NO  
RESTRICTIONS. TO  
REIGN HERE NOW  
PERFORCE...

...REIGNING  
YOUR  
OWN...



MOORING CLOTHING HAVE THEY GIVEN TO HER, LET HAVE THE DEFUSED ATTENDANCE.

AT THE FUNERAL OF HER FATHER.

LOOK YOU THE LADY ALONE!

THE NOBLES, THE PEERS OF LESTONIA AND THE ROYAL HOUSES OF THE FOREIGN COUNTRIES WILL BE IMPRESSED.

THE BURIAL IS ARRANGED BY HER HIGHNESS ORCHILD.

...SHALL THE CORONATION BE HELD AND SHALL HER HIGHNESS ORCHILD BECOME QUEEN.

PRY, PRINCESS ALSO STAR SHALL WARE.





**SOB**



YOU ARE  
ENRAGED

AND THE  
FUNERARY  
PROCESSION?

FOR WHAT MY  
GRANDFATHER  
AND MOTHER  
DID TO YOU

BUT I HOPED  
YOU WERE MURDERED  
AND SPARE THEIR  
LIVES.

HOW WAS  
THE BURIAL  
OF OUR  
FATHER?

I THANK YOU  
FOR THE  
MOURNING  
CLOTHES YOU  
HAVE SENT  
ME

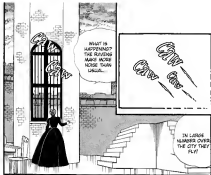
DEAR  
SISTER  
OSSELO...

I HOPE HE  
HAD A  
SERENE  
EXPRESSION















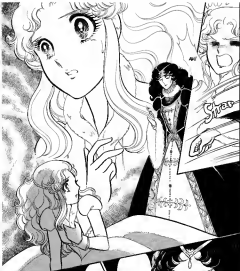














SISTER  
DROPPED  
IT!



BY MY  
DEATH THOU  
WOULDEST  
HAVE  
BECOME  
QUEEN!

ALPH!



NO, SISTER!  
YOUR  
REGRET IS  
BEYOND MY  
UNDER-  
STANDING!

NO...



SPEAK! WHEN  
DIDST THOU  
COME UPON  
THE PLOT?

WHEN DIDST  
THOU DISCOVER  
THAT OUR  
FATHER WAS  
DEAD?



COME!  
SPEAK IN  
TRUTH!

IF THOU  
DOST, I WILL  
NOT CONDEMN  
THEE TO  
DEATH!

TO KILL ME HAST  
THOU PLOTTED  
WITH COUNT  
GOTTFRID AND  
THE OTHERS?





I DO NOT  
KNOW A  
THING!

AT WHOSE BEHEFT WAS  
THE DEATH OF OUR  
FATHER KEPT SECRET  
TO SUPPRESS  
TREASON FROM  
DISCOVERY?

IT'S BUT  
TRUTH,  
SISTER!



MERCY

AND YET MERCY  
WAS NOT GRANTED  
ME IN MY  
IMPRISONMENT...!



SISTER,  
HAVE  
MERCY

HAVE  
MERCY  
ON THEM...

I KNOW IT'S  
HARD TO  
FORGIVE WHAT  
THEY DID,  
BUT...



BELIEVE  
ME, I DES  
OF HELL...

I CANNOT BELIEVE  
THAT MY MOTHER AND  
MY GRANDFATHER DO  
THIS.



Smile



SISTER





THE BELIEVED  
SCOTT SHALL BE  
DISPLAYED IN THE  
CITY SQUARE AS  
TUNESMENT AND  
WARRING BOTS.



... ARE THE  
PLATS OF HAD  
OF HER HIGH-  
NESS BARNED  
AND COUNT  
NOTIFIED.

THESE  
...



GUILTY  
HAVE THEY  
BEEN  
FOUND

TOMORROW  
MORNING  
SHALL THEIR  
SENTENCE BE  
FLEPPED



EXECUTED  
WILL THEY  
BE?

















Royalty of  
the stage!



Original  
becomes  
quest

Quest



The face of  
a quest



THE NEXT  
SCENE IS  
THE COORDI-  
NATION  
PREPARE  
THE  
MAKE-UP  
FOR  
JULIAN-  
SON

OH

MAKE-UP  
TAKES TIME,  
DON'T JUDGE  
SON



LONG LIVE  
HER  
MAJESTY,  
THE QUEEN  
OF LASTO-  
MA

DO YOU SWORE TO REIGN  
WITH RIGHTEDNESS, FOR  
THE SAKE OF THE COUNTRY  
AND ITS PEOPLE, AS THE  
QUEEN OF LASTOMAT



Ding Dong

Ding  
Dong

I SO  
SWORE  
IT

QUEEN DESIGNED  
WHAT  
CONFIDENCE  
AND PRIDE  
SHE  
PROJECTS...

LONG LIVE  
HER MAJESTY,  
THE QUEEN!

AYUMI  
KAWAKAWA,  
A TRUE  
GENIUS.

THE FACE  
OF COURAGE IS  
DIFFERENT  
FROM BEFORE!

THE  
SCRIPT OF  
LASH-ONIA.

THAT I  
DESIRED FOR  
SO LONG IS  
FINALLY IN MY  
HANDS!

BROTHER,  
ARE YOU  
WATCHING  
ME?

I HAVE TAKEN  
RETRIBUTION FOR  
YOU ON EVERYONE  
THAT MADE YOU  
SUFFER!





ARE YOU NOT ANGERED?  
THE ONE ACCLAIMED COULD  
HAVE BEEN YOU!

HOW NOW,  
WHAT WAY  
ART TALI  
CRYING?

AND SO HAS SHE  
ACCUSED THE  
TARDIS...

—MIGHT ANY  
I DO BUT  
ACCEPT SUCH A  
BETRAYAL?

LONG HAVE I  
CONSIDERED THE  
SADNESS MY  
GRANDFATHER  
AND MOTHER  
VISITED UPON  
MY GIL.

TALI  
SHOULDN'T  
NOT  
SPEAK  
ABOUT  
THIS!

CEASE  
THIS  
IMME-  
DEDIATELY  
VENNA!

EVEN YOUR  
SUPPORTERS  
HAVE TURNED  
THEIR FACES  
FROM YOU.

CERTAINLY SHE  
IS CONVINCED OF  
MY BETRAYAL.

ALSO SUFFERING  
MUST THIS BE  
CAUSING HER?

NOT SOME YEARS  
PAST DID MY  
SISTER SACRIFICE  
HERSELF, TAKING  
MY PLACE AND  
BRANDED THE  
LADY'S DEN.

HOW  
COULD I HAVE  
DEIGNED TO KILL  
HER...?

...IN MY  
DEIGNED  
FUTURE'S  
STEAD...

FROM  
CROSS  
ALONG...

FROM  
CROSS  
ALONG

Waaah  
Waaah  
Waaah



WHAT IS YOUR  
PLAN FOR  
TAKING  
ALONE?

SECOND  
IN LINE OF  
SUCCESSION  
AND YOUR  
HAIR  
OFFER!

SHE HAS NO  
POWER, YET SOME  
MAY YET GIVE HER  
HEARD BACK.



YOUR  
MAJESTY!



'THS INDEED  
UNFORTUNATE,  
YET MUST I  
SILENCE MY  
ACCOMPLICES'

MINISTER  
GREER, THOU  
KNOWEST  
TOO MUCH!



...THAT IS YOUR  
HIGH, BUT YOU  
CANNOT REST  
ASSURED, YOUR  
MAJESTY!

SO THAT YOU  
MAY WITHOUT  
ANY ACQUAINTANCE...



YOU  
HAVE  
FRODO  
YOURSELF  
FROM  
ME...

MINISTER



WHY? BUT  
WHY?

WHY CAN ASSURE  
YOU THAT ONE DAY  
SOMEONE SHALL  
NOT FOLLOW YOUR  
EXAMPLE... IT



WHY CAN  
ASSURE  
THAT NO SL  
PART WILL  
REFUSE YOU?



IF SOME-  
THING WERE  
TO HAPPEN  
TO YOU...

UPON YOUR  
DEATH,  
SHE WOULD  
BECOME  
QUEEN



KILL HIM THIS  
INSTANT!



DOUBLE THE  
GUARD FOR  
ALDIE!

LET NONE SAVE THE TUTOR  
AND PRIEST SET FOOT WITHIN  
THE WHITE DUNGEONS!



SOMEDAY,  
SOME-  
ONE...

...BUT  
ACT AS  
I DES?



SO SHALL  
SHE NEVER  
SET FOOT  
OUTSIDE THE  
TOWER!

LET BUT A  
SOLITARY WINDOW  
BE HERE, CLOSE  
UP THE OTHERS!



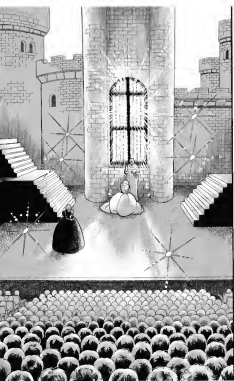
BY ROYAL  
DECREE, ON  
PAIN OF  
DEATH!



NEVER  
SHALL SHE  
RETURN FROM  
HADES...

NEVER







NEVER FORGET THAT  
THE LOVE OF GOD,  
OUR HEAVENLY  
FATHER, IS WITH  
YOU ALWAYS



GOD IS  
ALWAYS AT  
YOUR SIDE



YOUR SOUL  
IS ALWAYS  
WATCHED  
BY HIM

BY GOD ARE  
YOU TESTED  
THROUGH  
THIS SUFFER-  
ING



THINK  
OF FOR  
EVERYTHING  
THAT...

ARE YOU  
A SERVANT  
OF THE  
COURT?

YES



ARE YOU  
ONE HEAD  
OF THE  
BIG LILY  
LEADERS?





AAAH



AAAH

THEY  
DON'T  
SERVED  
ME WELL

THAT WAS  
MONEY AND  
IT'S DONE

AND SO HAVE  
I BEEN OWN  
LEADER OF  
THE RED LAY  
LEADER

I TALK  
YOUR

POWERS

POWERS



WOULD YOU  
RATHER  
JOIN ME  
FOR A  
DRINK?

JUST  
NOT MY  
LOSS.



MY BEST  
RESEARCH,  
MY QUEEN.

YET IT  
APPEARS  
SPIN AND  
REASONING  
ARE YOUR  
PREFERRED  
COMFORTS.



W-WHAT  
BRINGS  
YOU HERE?



OH? IS IT SO  
STRANGE FOR  
A HUSBAND TO  
COME INTO HIS  
WIFE'S CHAM-  
BERS FOR  
A VISIT?



A TERRIFY-  
ING LADY  
ARE YOU

...AND HAS  
ALSO OBTAINED  
APPROPRIATION  
IN HER BIRTH  
COUNTRY...

IN SUCH A  
SHORT WHILE,  
STARTING WITH  
THE BRINY  
KING AND HIS  
VASSALS...

THE WIFE  
TAKEN AS A  
MORTGAGE  
HAS OBTAINED  
ILLUSTR...

WHEN ...  
YOU ARE  
FORCED  
TO OBTAIN MY  
FATHER'S  
SUPPORT...



USED TO  
SOUTHERN YOUR  
OWN SAVVY,  
AS IF THEY  
WERE MERELY  
OBJECTS...

YET WHEN  
ONE REMAINS  
WITH FOREBODEN  
KNOWLEDGE,  
NO ARE THEY  
RELUCED...







THERE'S  
JUST  
LIFE, ISN'T IT?



I MUST  
NOT UNDER-  
ESTIMATE  
ANYONE.

BEHIND  
THOSE  
GIRLS,  
WHAT  
WILL  
THOUGHTS  
BE...



HE COULD  
NOT HAVE  
TAUGHT  
OF THEM ON  
HIS OWN...

I  
MUST BE  
CAREFUL!

IT MUST  
BE THE  
WORK  
OF HIS  
FOLLOW-  
ERS...



IT WOULD  
SEEM THAT  
THE POLISH  
PRINCE HAS  
FINALLY  
UNDERSTOOD  
HIS POSITION.



I HAD  
YOUR  
FATHER,  
YOUR  
MOTHER...

FROM THE  
COURT GROWS  
THESE BASTARD  
THE CHILD OF  
LUSTONIA AND  
BERNARD.



GENERAL!

YOUR  
MIL-  
ITARY

THE NOBLE  
OF BERNARD  
THAT I SPEAK!

WE CANNOT  
STAND THIS  
MUCH LONGER.

AND SO THEY ACT  
AS CONSIDERABLE  
BREKING DISCONTENT  
WITH THE PEERS  
OF THE REALM.



...DOING  
AS THEY  
PLEASE!

THOUGH THEY  
ACCOMPAINE  
YOUR MAJESTY  
AND PRINCE ARTHUR,  
THEY FLAUNT  
THEIR VAINTY...

I WOULD BE  
GRATEFUL IF YOU DO  
SOMETHING ABOUT  
THESE COUNTRY  
NOBLEMEN THAT  
ARE OPPOSING US!



YOUR  
MAJ-  
ESTY



ESPECIALLY  
VISCOUNT  
GRIFFIN!

PRINCE ARTHUR  
COUSIN HAS  
NO REGARD  
TOWARDS US!

ESPECIALLY  
GENERAL  
GRIFFIN!



WITH PRUDENT  
INSULANCE DO  
THEY DESPISE  
OUR WISDOM.

TREATED AS  
IF WE ARE  
MORTAL  
FOES!

THE PARLIA-  
MENT CANNOT  
FUNCTION  
LIKE THIS!



...AND  
BAILING FOR  
PRINCE  
ARTHUR.



YOUR  
MAJ-  
ESTY

SOME OF THE  
NOBLES OF  
LACONIA THAT  
DISAPPROVED OF  
YOUR ACTIONS AS  
WELL AS THOSE  
OF THE EDWARD  
NOBILITY...

HE IS TURNING  
THE NOBLES  
OF THIS  
COUNTRY  
AGAINST US.



THIS HAS BROKE  
THE COURT IS IN  
TUMBLER AND  
IT'S HE WHO  
ENCOURAGES  
THE RESISTANCE.



SENTENCE  
PRINCESS  
ALONG TO  
DEATH!



WILL HE?



IF THE  
SITUATION  
CHANGED  
NOT, IT  
COULD  
BECOME  
PERILOUS.



THE NEXT  
IN LINE OF  
SUCCESSION  
IS PRINCESS  
ALONG.



ACCUSED OF  
SUPPORTING THE  
PLOT TO KILL  
YOUR MAJESTY?

JUST HAVE  
IT APPEAR  
AS THOUGH  
WE HAD A  
TRIAL, AND  
SEND HER  
TO THE  
EXECUTION  
TOWER.



WAS A  
POISON-  
ING? NO?



NO...



POISON  
WAS...

AND HAVE  
IT SEEM  
LIKE IN  
CLOUTIER!



NO...



YOUR  
MAJESTY!

NO!

NO!

NO!

NO!

NO! I SHALL  
NOT KILL  
ALDIS!

IF ED ALDIS LIE DEAD, SO ALSO  
WOULD MASTER  
BE FATE!

MY ONLY  
HOPE!

SHE IS MY  
SECRET  
WEAPON!

WON'T  
LASTING  
BECOME!

WITH MY  
DEATH, SO  
EASILY A TRIP  
OF STONYHOLD.

AGAINST  
THE KING  
AND PRINCE  
AND...

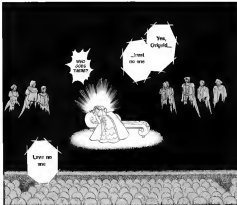
AGAINST  
STONY-  
HOLD...

























LIVING  
HELL?

ORRHELD, ARE YOU  
PREPARED TO  
WITHSTAND THE LIVING  
HELL THAT AWAITS?



PAYING NO HEED TO  
WHAT YOU HAVE DONE  
TO OBTAIN THE TITLE  
OF QUEEN.



FULLY AWARE OF  
THIS DO YOU  
NEED KNOW  
TO PROTECT  
LUSTONAL.

BEING THE MONARCH  
OF THIS COUNTRY IS  
AN INFERNAL TASK.



ORRHELD,  
LO.

CANST' THOU  
TELL ME THAT  
NOW THEY  
ARE NOT  
THE SAME?



DIFFICULT,  
SHATTERING,  
LONELY  
DAYS?

RATHER HELLSH  
WERE THOSE  
DAYS SPENT  
IN PRISON!

QUEEN  
FORGOT  
ALSO HER  
GROOM-  
MOTHER!

LONE-  
SOME?

VERY  
SHOULD I  
HAVE TO  
SPEND MY  
LIFE THIST?





A DAMNED  
EYE-  
TEACET



NO ONE...

NO ONE  
THINKS  
ME...

NO ONE  
LOVES  
ME...



FARE-  
WELL  
OLD

MYER SHALL  
I RETURN TO  
THIS CASTLE



THE VERY  
LEAST YOU  
WILL LOSE  
YOUR NAME  
AND BE SENT  
INTO EXILE

OF A SURETY,  
ANY WHO  
APPROACH  
ALONE IS  
MARKED FOR  
DEATH...

FORGET  
YOUR...

REDEEMING A  
VISIT TO  
PRINCESS  
ALONE WOULD BE  
WORTHLESS





FROM  
CELESTIAL  
ALONE...

WAIT FOR  
THAT DAY,  
YUUKU.

WHEN ONE  
DAY HER  
MAJESTY WILL  
FORGIVE HER.





A COLD  
MELODY...

THE  
SOUNDS  
OF THE  
STORM  
ARE MY  
ONLY  
MUSIC



THE DARK  
PRISON IN  
WHICH I  
LIVED...

I WONDER HOW  
ALICE FAIRS IN  
THAT PRISON?



THREE  
YEARS  
HAVE  
PASSES  
SINCE  
THAT  
DAY...

OVERLAP  
A CHILLING  
SUN...

LIKE THIRL  
IN MY HEART  
THE WIND  
OF WINTER  
CONTINUES  
TO BLOW...



YOUR  
MHA-  
NEST?

WHY?

ORIELLO, IT WOULD  
SEEM THAT YOU  
OPPOSE THE  
ASSASSINATION OF  
ALICE IN THE WHITE  
DUNGEONS.

WOULD YOU THINK  
OF LEAVING HER  
AGAINST ME AND  
BIRMINGHAM?

YOU LOOK  
WELL...

...MY  
QUEEN

AND...

ALICE WOULD BECOME  
QUEEN, AND FROM  
THAT PRISON WOULD  
SHE BE FREED.

WAS IT  
YOUR  
TIME TO  
DEPART  
FROM  
THIS  
WORLD.

I COULD  
DISPOSE  
OF YOU.

DID YOU KNOW?  
IF I WERE TO  
ASCEND TO THE  
THRONE OF  
LASTORIA.

A TRULY  
MAGNIFICENT  
PRINCIPAL  
FOR US.

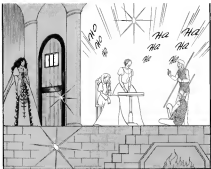
I HAVE SEEN  
HER ONLY FOR  
AN INSTANT  
ORIELLO IN  
SAPS THAT...

IS IT NOT  
TRUE,  
ORIELLO?











WE'RE AT  
THE CLIMAX...



THE TWO ROYAL  
PRINCESSES  
GEROLD AND  
ALDS...

THE CON-  
FRONTATION  
BETWEEN  
THE TWO  
CHARAC-  
TERS...

ALDS  
REFLECTING  
AND JEROME  
HARRIS...



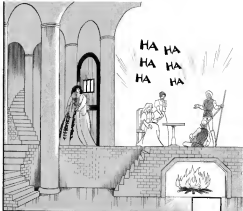
HOW WILL  
THEY  
PORTRAY  
IT?

THIS IS THE SCENE IN  
WHICH ORSONE, WHOM  
GINTI, NOW HAS STOOD  
FOR HATE AND JIMSTON  
SHOWS FOR THE FIRST  
TIME SIGNS OF  
VULNERABILITY.

EVERYTHING  
DEPENDS  
ON THE  
SCENE.

...AND THE  
ANGELIC ALONE  
SHOWS HATE AND  
MURDEROUS  
INTENT.





THOU'ST THE  
GUARD. WHAT  
ART THOU COMING?

F-FORGIVE  
ME, YOUR  
MAJESTY!



ARCH!  
THE  
QUEEN!

GET  
OUT  
IMMEDI-  
ATELY!



SAV

SISTER  
ORIGELD!





THEY MAKE ME  
FORGET ABOUT  
THE BORDOCH...

AND THE  
CONQUESTS...

THEY TELL ME  
ENTERTAINING  
STORIES... AND  
THE LATEST  
NEWS FROM  
THE OUTSIDE  
WORLD...

THEY  
COMFORT  
ME...



PUNISH THEM  
NEXT, I BID OF  
YOU, YOUR  
MAJESTY.

I HAVE  
SLAMMED  
THEM...



CALL ME  
NOT BY THAT  
NAME!

WHEN I WAS  
HERE, THE  
GUARDS ONLY  
INSULTED ME!

YOUR  
MAJ-  
ESTY...

BOTH  
PEN-  
CHERS  
ARE  
WE...

EVEN THE  
GUARDS ARE  
THOUGHTFUL  
OF THIS,  
ALSO...

HOW ARE WE  
DIFFERENT  
FROM ONE  
ANOTHER?



SISTER  
CRISELID...

NO ONE  
CARES  
ABOUT ME!

IT SEEMS  
NOBODY CAN  
DO NAUGHT  
BUT CALL  
ME THING!

ALIBITY!  
ALIBITY!  
ALIBITY!

JUST FOR  
THEIR CON-  
VENIENCE...

AND  
THEY TELL  
ME...

...DO THIS,  
DO THAT!



HERE,  
SISTER...



OVER-  
JOYED OF YOUR  
ARRIVAL ON 1,  
SISTER!

HAVE A  
SEAT  
NEAR THE  
FIRE!

WHA, BRING  
SOME WINE  
FOR MY  
SISTER  
CRISELID



SOMETHING  
DANGEROUS  
MAY HAPPEN...

IT'S BETTER FOR  
ME TO STAY AWAY  
FROM THE FIRE

ESPECIALLY  
AMONG THE  
COMPANY  
OF OTHERS.





THIS PRISON

HAS  
CHANGED NOT  
AT ALL SINCE I  
WAS HERE .



THOU HAST  
TASTED IT  
FOR ME

AND THUS  
I AM  
SUPPOSED  
TO TRUST...?



IN THE EIGHT  
YEARS SPENT  
HERE I HAD NOT  
LAUGHED ONCE!

THE SAME  
SHABBY CLOTHES  
AND SCARC  
FOOD...

NOT A  
VISITOR.



THUS THE  
GIRL OF  
JOYFUL  
ANGEL...

AND STILL LOUDLY  
LAUGHING WERE  
THOU — WHY?

FROM WHAT THE GUARDS TOLD ME I DISCOVERED THAT THIS IS NOW ABOUT 10 YEARS OF LASTONA LIVE...

SIMPLE CLOTHES, ALMOST CLERICAL...

A HARD BED...

LOOK NOW...

WINDOWS THROUGH WHICH ONLY SCANT LIGHT SEEPS THROUGH.

SOME WITH EVEN A SHURPLED AND MORE MODEST LIFE.

I REPRIMAND MYSELF FOR THE PRIVILEGES I HAD.

I AM AWARE OF MY PRIDE AND SINCERELY THAT CAME FROM THE SOLE FACT OF MY ROYAL BIRTH.

WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD...

NEVER HAD I THOUGHT MUCH OF MY LIFE WHILE AT THE COURT...

...AND FOR THE FIRST TIME I UNDERSTOOD HOW LUXURIOUS IT HAD SEEM.

THINK THE PERSON THAT TAUGHT ME THIS.

THE REVEREND, MY TUTOR, VERA, THE SLAVES... COULD BRING ME SUCH JOY.

IN THIS PRISON I UNDERSTOOD IT.

NEVER HAD I KNOWN THAT I COULD BE THANKFUL FOR THE LIGHT AND WARMTH OF THE SUN.

OR THAT THE SMILE OF THE PEOPLE THAT SURROUNDED ME...

IN THE GRASPING IT WAS GUITE DIFFICULT...

AND I GROW WEARY OF TRYING TO ABOUT MYSELF...





Mayal

IF I COM-  
PLAINED, THE  
HEAVENS  
WOULD SURELY  
PUNISH ME.

AND BECAUSE THAT  
YOU, MY SISTER, HAD  
ENDURED EIGHT YEARS  
WITHIN THESE WALLS  
GIVES ME HOPE.

ALONE  
...

BUT...  
HOW CANST  
THOU?  
HOW?

DON'T  
THOU  
TRUTH-  
FULLY  
THINK  
THUSLY.  
ALONE

WHY DON'T  
THOU NOT  
CURSE THY IL-  
FATED LIGHT?

WHY DON'T  
THOU NOT  
NOTICE THY  
OWN MIS-  
FORTUNE?

DON'T THOU NOT  
HATE THE ONE  
WHO BROUGHT  
THEE UPON  
THEE?



THOU HAST NOT CHANGED...  
THOU HAST NOT CHANGED!

WHAT A  
SMILE!

THOU HAST RE-  
BURNED THE  
GUILT

HEY  
ALDIN!

OR MAYBE THOU  
ART ONLY ACTING  
BEFORE ME SO  
THAT I WILL NOT  
SEE THROUGH  
THINE MASK?



JAD THINK  
THE ONES  
THAT STAY  
BEHIND  
THESE?

HEY,  
COME ON  
WITH THESE  
WALLS, DON'T  
THOU FILL  
WITH JOY.

DON'T THOU  
NOT TAKE  
INTO ACCOUNT  
THY OWN  
MISFORTUNE?



WHY DON'T THOU  
NOT HATE ME,  
SINCE IT WAS I  
THAT HAD THEE  
IMPRISONED?



ONLY GRATEFUL  
FOR YOUR VISIT  
CAN I BE?

IF I THINK  
OF WHAT  
MY MOTHER  
AND GRAND-  
FATHER DID  
TO YOU...

I COULD  
NEVER



BE SINCERE,  
ALDIN!







IF THOU  
ART NOT  
GOING TO  
KILL ME...

THEN I SHALL  
KILL THEE,  
ALPH!



BUT  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING,  
BETH?



IF THOU  
KILLEST ME,  
QUEEN WILT  
THOU BECOME?

TAKE THAT  
DAGGER,  
ALPH!



SWOOSH



YOU ARE QUEEN  
WHILE THE  
PRINCESS IS  
IMPRISONED HERE!  
POWERLESS  
IS SHE?

WHAT IS THE  
MEANING OF THIS?  
WHY MUST YOU  
KILL THE PRINCESS,  
YOUR MAJESTY?

NEVER WOULD  
SHE HARM YOUR  
MAJESTY!



GEORGE  
AM I,  
ALPH!

THIS THE  
REASON  
FOR MY  
VISIT

THE ONE  
THAT  
SHALL  
REDEEM  
THIS KING-  
DOM

THE NEXT  
IN LINE OF  
SUCCESSION  
ISN'T YOU

THEY OWN EXISTENCE  
THREATENS ME,  
ALDIS'

SIS-  
TER!



AND IF, LET US  
SUPPOSE, ONE  
DAY ERINWALD  
WOULD TURN  
AGAINST ME?

IT WOULD NOT BE  
POSSIBLE!  
THE SUPPORT  
OF ERINWALD  
IS YOURS!

NONE  
WOULD  
DARE  
HARM  
YOU!



THE DISSENTS  
AND THOSE  
THAT CRAVE  
THE POWER...



...MAY ONE  
DAY GAZE AND  
USE THEE TO  
DESTROY ME...

AND LET US  
TALK NOT  
ABOUT  
ERINWALD...



THOU, ALDIS, ART  
THEIR SUPPORT

FOR THE  
NOBLES OF THE  
COUNTRY BY  
EXISTENCE IS  
AN OBSTACLE!

THOU WOULDST  
BE FREE OF  
THIS PRISON  
AND WOULDST  
RETURN TO THE  
PALACE?



IF I WERE TO  
DISAPPEAR, 'THOU'D  
BE THY TURN TO  
BE QUEEN'











WHY DO YOU  
SPEAK OF SO  
MANY DEAD  
THINGS?

I HAVE NOT YET  
FORGOTTEN THE  
KINDNESS YOU  
HAVE SHOWN ME.

WHY DO YOU  
SPEAK OF SUCH  
BAD AND FEAR-  
SOME THINGS?



IF THOU HAST  
SAID THEN  
THE THROAT IS  
THINE, ALON!

COME, TRY  
TO STARVE ME.

COME NO  
CLOSER! COME  
NO CLOSER!  
I BEG OF  
YOU MOTHER!



FINALLY,  
DOST THOU  
REVEAL THY  
TRUE SELF,  
ALON...



MY KIN-  
NEST?



AND AFTERWARDS  
IN MANY LETTERS  
DID YOU  
COMFORT ME?



YOU SACRIFICED  
YOURSELF IN MY PLACE,  
GOING TO ERIKSHALD  
WHEN IT WAS OUR FORT.



Ho  
Ho

ALON,  
THOU  
ART BUT  
A FOOL!

I HAD NO LOVE  
FOR THEE!

Ho  
Ho



I WAS  
CLOSE  
TO THY  
HEART!!



THOU DIDST  
CARE ABOUT  
ME?



THE TIME HAS  
COME TO STOP  
PLAYING THE  
ROLE OF THE  
UNDERSTAND-  
ING AND  
GENTLE  
SISTER!

ARE YOU  
SLEEPY-  
SOT?

DIDST  
THOU NOT  
HEAR ME?

HOWEVER, I  
HATE THIS  
WITH ALL  
MY BEING!

I TOLD THEM  
I HATED  
THIS, ALREADY!

AND ALWAYS HAVE I  
HATED THE GENTLE-  
NESS AND THE SMILE  
THAT WARMS THE  
HEARTS OF PEOPLE!

YES, ALWAYS HAVE  
I HATED THEM!

INTENDING  
ARMY IN A COLD  
PERSON WAS I...

I CRIED AND  
REMEMBERED MY  
UNFORTUNATE  
MOTHER!

WHEN I HEARD  
PEOPLE SPEAKING  
ABOUT THEM, LOVED  
BY EVERYONE, BLESSED WITH  
HAPPINESS...

WITHOUT A SMILE,  
WITH A COLD AND  
STONE-HARD  
EXPRESSION...

THOU'ST LIE BEING  
IN A TOMB FOR  
THE LIVING!

...SPENDING  
DESPAIRING DAYS  
IN AN ENDLESS  
SCOUTING...





...LIVING  
THINGS THAT  
BROUGHT UPON  
ME THIS ILL  
FATE!

STANDING AT THE  
LITTLE LIGHT  
COMING FROM  
THE WINDOW, I  
WAS CRYING FOR  
MY MISFOR-  
TUNE...

CHANGING  
THE WORLD  
AND  
HAVING  
MY REVENGE!

MY FATHER,  
THE KING...

...THAT  
PLACED MY  
MOTHER AND  
ME INTO THE  
PITS OF DE-  
SPAIR!

MY HOPE WAS  
THAT ONE DAY I  
WOULD BE ABLE  
TO TAKE MY  
REVENGE ON  
THOSE...

BUT MORE  
THAN ANYTHING,  
I WANTED  
POWER!

THEIR ALDS,  
AND THE HEIR  
TO THE  
THRONE,  
PRINCE JO-  
SHIMASU!

THE WIS-  
TENDING  
OF THE  
PLUT,  
COUNT  
DOYU-  
FRIED...

I THOUGHT  
THAT ONCE I  
HAD OBTAINED  
IT I WOULD NOT  
BE HAPPY!

YOUR MOTHER  
THE QUEEN  
SUSANED THAT  
HAD STOLEN MY  
FATHER'S LOVE  
FROM MY  
MOTHER AND ME!



WEDDED IN AN  
ENEMY COUNTRY IN  
THE STEAD OF  
EXACTLY THE  
CHANCE I WAS  
WAITING FOR!



RETRIVAL AND  
BYPASS!

SOON I  
LEARNED  
THE MEAN-  
ING OF  
SUSPICION.

FOR EIGHT  
YEARS,  
THAT WAS  
WHAT  
SUSTAINED  
ME...

ALLOWING  
ME TO  
ESCAPE  
FROM HERE!



THUS FROM MY  
HAND THAT SHOT  
THE ARROW FROM  
HIGHLAND THAT  
STRUCK PRINCE  
JOURNED IN THE  
FOREST...

WANT TO  
HEAR MORE,  
ALIST?



THAT POISONED  
THE BEDROOM  
AND SUFFERING  
KING...

AFTER  
GETTING RID  
OF THE KING  
TO THE  
THRONE...

THUS I,  
HELPER BY  
A SECRET  
ALLY,



IT IS  
NOT  
POSSIBLE!

IT IS!



THE COUNT  
BROTHERS AND  
QUEEN FATHER  
WOULD HAVE THEM  
LOST THEIR POWER

...THE CROWN  
WOULD BE  
MINE

AFTER THE DEATH  
OF THE KING AND  
THE KING...



YOUR SISTER  
WOULD BE NOT  
ABLE TO POISON  
OUR FATHER



SOON, AROUND THE UNCLE  
KING, AND THE MOTHER...

A GROUP  
WAS FORMED  
TO SEE TO  
MY RELATIVE

BUT THEY KNEW  
NOT THAT IN THE  
GROUP THERE  
WAS A SOY  
LOYAL TO ME...

I WAS SURE THEY  
WOULD HAVE TRIED  
TO PLACE THEM,  
ALSO, ON THE  
THRONE...

THEY HAD TO  
ELIMINATE ME...

THAT MY EXIST-  
ENCE WOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
NIGHT BUT  
A BROTHER  
TO THEM

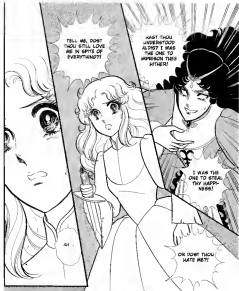
IT IS  
NOT  
POS-  
SIBLE!



THE GRANDFATHER,  
THE MOTHER AND  
THE UNCLE WERE  
BEHEADED...

WAS ARRESTED  
AND SENTENCED  
TO DEATH

THAT IS HOW THOSE  
THAT CONSPIRED  
AGAINST THE WIFE OF  
FRANCE AND OF  
BRUNO AND  
FUTURE QUEEN OF  
LUSTORIA...







ALSO... I KNEW  
THAT SOMEONE  
WOULD HAVE  
TO FACE EACH  
OTHER FIRST

PEDDLES MAKING  
USE OF MY LOVE  
AND TRUST?



YOU JUST POISONED  
MY FATHER, KILLED MY  
BROTHER, SENTENCED  
TO DEATH MY MOTHER,  
GRANDFATHER  
AND UNCLE?



THE ONLY PERSON  
WHO LOVED AND  
TRUSTED YOU?

AND IF YOU KILL  
ME YOU WOULD  
ELIMINATE THE ONLY  
OBSTACLE IN YOUR  
PATH AS A QUEEN?



THE ONLY  
PERSON WHO  
LOVES YOU!

AND AT THE  
SAME TIME  
YOU WOULD  
LOSE THE  
ONLY BE-  
LIEVING YOU  
HAVE LEFT



IF YOU  
KILLED ME  
YOU WOULD  
BECOME THE  
NEW QUEEN OF  
LUSTORIA?

BECAUSE YOU  
ARE NOT AT ALL  
HAPPY RIGHT  
NOW SISTER!

I DON'T WANT  
TO BE QUEEN!





NO! YOU BARTER  
ARE THE MOST  
SADDER PERSON  
IN THE WORLD!

BE QUIET  
ALONE!

POOR  
QUEEN!

A SAD AND  
LONELY  
QUEEN ARE  
YOU!



BE SILENT,  
OR ELSE...

TO DEFEND  
YOURSELF  
AND TO  
ATTACK AN  
OPPONENT.

RIGHT, THERE  
ARE TWO  
WAYS TO USE  
A DAGGER...

AND

WHICH DO YOU  
WISH FOR ME  
TO CHOOSE?

ALL...



Tremble



ALSO



THOU  
CANST  
NOT  
POSSIBLY...

—DOUBT  
STAND  
AL!



SISTER



ALWAYS HAVE I  
LIVED WITH THE  
Sensation OF  
HAVING A KNIFE  
AT MY THROAT!

THIS WORLD  
IS A HELL!

IF YOU  
TRUST  
SOMEONE,  
THEY  
BETRAY  
YOU.

IF YOU LOVE  
SOMEONE,  
THEY USE  
YOU...



I TRUST NOT  
EVEN MY OWN  
HUSBAND!

BETRAY IF  
YOU WANT  
NOT TO BE  
BETRAYED!

KILL IF YOU  
WISH TO  
LIVE!





ALSO I  
HATE THEM!



YES... I  
HATE THEM!



ALSO  
I...

HOW CAN ONE LIKE  
THESE UNDERSTAND  
ME, THOU WHO HATH  
ALWAYS LIVED IN  
HAPPINESS?



HOW CANST  
THOU UN-  
DERSTAND  
WHAT I  
FEEL?

'TIS TRUE, YOU  
ARE RIGHT

NEVER HAVE I  
LIVED A SINGLE  
PEACEFUL DAY!



A SINGLE  
HAPPY DAY!



SIS-  
TER...

I HATE  
THIS...

**SILENCE**



UNDERSTOOD  
HAVE I THAT  
THERE IS  
ANOTHER WAY  
TO SEE A  
RAGGER.

HERE,  
I RETURN  
THIS TO  
YOU...



THAT'S THE ONLY THING  
I CAN DO FOR YOU  
NOW, SISTER.

IF IS MY  
EXISTENCE THAT  
TROUBLES YOU, I  
DES OF YOU .

SEND ME TO  
WHERE MY  
FATHER AND  
MOTHER ARE...



ALONG!



TURN



ALONG...



I DES  
OF YOU,  
SISTER.



CLANG

WHY?? WHY  
ALONG??

WHY DON'T  
THOU NOT  
HATE ME??

SISTER



SIS-  
TER

WHY DO I, THE  
QUEEN, FEEL  
DEFEATED BY THEM??

WHY WILT  
THEM NOT  
HATE ME??

AND WHAT IS  
WITH THIS  
FEELING OF  
DEFEAT I  
PROVE??

WHY?? WHY  
ALONG??



I WILL  
AS TO  
NOT BE  
KILLED...



I BETRAY  
AS TO  
NOT BE  
DE-  
TRAINED...



I...I  
TRUST NO  
ONE...

LOVE  
NO  
ONE...



NOW THAT I  
AM GIVEN, MY  
PAIN HAS BUT  
INCREASED

MY ENEMIES  
ARE EVEN  
MORE ...

SISTER  
ORDELO

NO ONE  
TRUSTS  
ME...

NO ONE  
LOVES  
ME...



OPEN NOT MY  
EYES TO  
LOVE!

OPEN NOT  
MY EYES  
TO MY  
MISFORTUNE!

I BEG OF  
YOU ALONE!



**SILENCE**







And you're  
the star,  
Ayumi-kun!



She is perfectly  
expressing the  
tragedy of Orphee  
in a dark  
cell way.

Ayumi  
Shinkawa  
sounds cool

The author  
with great  
Orphee!



The audience  
is entranced  
by her.



They can  
understand her!



The show is  
about to end.





ON THE MAIN  
SCENE SHE WON  
OVER THE ENTIRE  
AUDIENCE!

WONDERFULLY!  
AFIRM-HEAN  
IS REALLY  
WONDERFULLY!

THIS IS  
HOW SHE  
PROVES HER  
SUPERBILITY.



THE  
LIGHT

THIS IS HOW  
THE LIGHT IS  
APPROVED BY  
THE DARKNESS

THE PRINCIPLES OF  
LIGHT ARE, AND  
THE ONE OF  
DARKNESS  
CANNOT...



YOUR  
FACE-  
SEN-  
SEN...

ALTHOUGH THE  
DARKNESS MAY  
BE STRONGER, IT  
WOULDN'T EXIST  
WITHOUT THE LIGHT!









YOUR  
MAG-  
NETY!

AS SOON AS I  
FOUND OUT YOU  
WERE IN DANGER,  
I RUSHED HERE!

PRINCESS  
ALDI! THANK  
HEAVENS  
YOU ARE  
SAFE!





IF SOME PERIL WERE  
TO BEFALL ME ON THE  
ROAD FROM HERE TO THE  
PALACE, THEN YOU'LL BE  
HELD RESPONSIBLE!

GATHER AT ONCE  
ALL THE GUARDS  
IN THE PRISON TO  
ESCORT ME!

IT'S UNSETTLING!  
SURE I AM THAT  
KARAKURU HAS  
FOLLOWED ME TO  
TRY TO KILL ME!

ARE YOU  
WEEK,  
YOUR  
MIL-  
BROTHER!

EVEN THOUGH  
I HAVE BEEN  
NO GUARD  
PERSON AS  
THE ONE YOU  
DESCRIBE.



SHI IS  
FRIEND  
LO?

SISTER  
ORANGE



BUT HER FOLLOWERS WOULD NEVER REST.

BY LETTING US ESCAPE SHE SPARES YOUR LIFE.

PLANS TO FREE HERSELF FROM HER, TAKE YOU INTO MARRIAGE, THIS DEFINING THE LAW...

I HAVE FOUND OUT FROM SOME HIDDEN SOURCES THAT PRINCE AND, THE QUEEN'S HUSBAND,

COME WITH ME, I NEED YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS.

IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO REMAIN HERE.

HOW MUCH GRIEF YOU MUST HAVE ENDURED IN THIS PLACE!

I WILL NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN AGAIN!

...AND THAT THE QUEEN AND HER SUBJECTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU DEAD.

Oh!

LET US GO, YOUR HIGHNESS!

YES, YOUR HIGHNESS, YES!

YES! MAKE HASTE, WE'RE ESCAPING!



NOW, ONLY AN  
ELDERLY WOMAN  
THAT SAVED UP  
THE WORLD  
AM I...



THANKS  
AM I FOR  
MY BLIND-  
NESS

THAT PRE-  
VENTS ME  
FROM SEEING  
THE BRUTAL-  
ITY OF MEN.

THE  
SADNESS  
OF THE  
WORLD



MY LOBO  
COUN-  
TESS...

BLIND  
AM I...

I CANNOT  
SEE ALONE...

AND NEITHER  
CAN I KNOW  
WHERE  
SHE IS...



YES, ALL THE  
PALACE TALKS OF  
NOTHING ELSE.

HIGHNESS, IF YOU  
WISH TO FIND WORD  
OF WHERE PRINCESS  
ALOE IS HIDING,  
PLEASE BE BLIND  
TO INFORM ME



ALOE HAS  
ESCAPED  
FROM THE  
WHITE SUN-  
SECRET?

WITH  
YOUNG  
FROM THE  
LAWSON  
FAMILY?



HAD FOR MY VISION  
LOBO THAT KEEP  
ME AWAY FROM  
AMBIVIOUS PEOPLE...

BUT UNDER THE  
GARBE OF A  
SIMPLE GIRL,  
SHE CAN BE  
HAPPY...

IF SHE WERE  
AMBITIOUS,  
HER LIFE  
WOULD BE IN  
DANGER...

ALOE  
HAS RE-  
COVERED...

...ALOE  
HAS TO  
LIVE MY  
DAYS IN  
PEACE  
AND  
QUIET...

USELESS  
SMALL THING  
EFFORTS  
ARE...

PRINCESS  
OF LANTO-  
HEA...

ALOE...





HAST THOU  
NOT YET  
DISCOVERED  
WHERE ALDS IS?

NO...NOT YET!  
OUR HUMBLEST  
APOLOGIES  
YOUR MAJESTY...



THE FIDELITY  
AND THE  
ALACRITY OF  
THE FOUNDED  
QUEEN ...

GRACIOUS  
TRADITION  
IS CALLED  
AT EN-  
TERING  
THE SO-  
CITY.

WE'RE  
REALLY  
BECOME  
HER  
CHARACTER

TO BE ABLE TO  
EXPRESS THE  
SIGNIFICANCE  
OF ONE THAT  
HAS GIVEN UP  
THE WORLD.



WHAT AN  
INCREDI-  
BLE  
MOMENT

WHAT A  
PRES-  
ENCE

HER EN-  
FRANCE  
DANCES  
THE FINE-  
STONES ON  
THE SCENE



ALTHOUGH  
SHE HAS NOT  
A SMALL  
ROLE, SHE IS  
REALLY IM-  
PRESSIVE ...



SORROW, MY  
SUCCESSOR.  
SHE'S SHE IS.

EVEN THOUGH  
SHE REMAINS  
ACCUSED OF  
BEING COMPLICATED  
WITH THE  
BETRAYAL OF  
THE CROWN ...

ALDS IS  
SECOND IN  
LINE OF  
SUCCESSION TO  
THE THRONE OF  
THIS COUNTRY

DO YOU NOT  
ADDER, ASSET?

TO A CITY  
SHE HAS  
DISAP-  
PEARED ...



ALSO, MY  
SECRET  
WEAPON...

A DANGEROUS  
ADVANTAGE...



YES!

AS YOU  
ORDER!



LOSE NOT  
THE SIGHT  
OF ALSO!

IF HE  
BEHAVES  
ODDLY,  
COME TELL  
ME IMMEDI-  
ATELY!



THAT IS THE  
QUESTION!

TO LET HER  
LIVE OR TO  
KILL HER?





WHEN I WAS IN  
PRISON AND FELT  
LONELY I THOUGHT  
ONLY OF YOU!

CALL ME  
ALON, I  
PRAY YOU!

MEETING YOU  
AGAIN SEEMS LIKE  
A DREAM.

NOW THAT I HAVE  
RECLAIMED MY  
FREEDOM, WHAT  
PLEASURES ARE MOST  
IN BEING ABLE TO  
GIVE UPON YOU  
JUST LIKE NOW

ALON!

THE DAYS WITHOUT  
YOU WERE FOR ME  
THE DARKEST  
DAYS!

IT'S THE  
SAME  
FOR ME!

DURING THE LONG  
YEARS I SPENT AWAY  
FROM YOU I COULD  
FORGET YOU NOT  
FOR AN INSTANT!

I THOUGHT OF  
MIGHTY BUT  
WAS TO  
SEE YOU!







SISTER  
ORRIGELD...

I SHALL LIVE,  
NO MATTER  
WHAT!

AND FROM FARAWAY  
SHALL I WATCH  
OVER THIS  
COUNTRY.

SO THAT THE  
GOLDNESS  
AND THE  
FROST WILL  
NOT VANISH...

SO THAT THE  
GULL WOULD  
STOP ITS  
COURTSHIP...

AND THAT  
THERE WOULD  
BE LONG DAYS  
OF SPRING...



THERE YOU  
SHALL RECOVER  
EVERYTHING  
YOU HAVE  
LOST

LET US  
GO ALONG

OUR NEW  
COUNTRY  
AWAITS  
US...







QUEEN ORQUID  
AM I

AND TO GAIN  
THIS POWER,  
EVERY ANGLE  
HAVE I USED...



It's  
odd...

AND YET THE  
STORM INSIDE  
MY HEART  
REFUSES  
TO CEASE!

This is the  
feeling of  
winter...

AND FREED  
REVEALS MY  
EXPRESSION



COUNTRY  
BARE, ONE  
OF THE  
POWERS  
OF WINTER

LET  
YOU  
SEE...

OVER THIS  
COUNTRY DO  
I RULE...



MY HEART HAS  
NOT YET  
WARMED...

I AM  
COLD...

Orquid brings  
forth the coldness  
of winter!

AND WHAT  
IS THAT  
WIND  
BLOWS IN  
THE  
WINDS  
OF THE  
TRANSPY







Ayumi-124...





HER MAJESTY,  
THE QUEEN!

FINE AM I  
WITHOUT  
HAVING TO  
TRUST  
ANYONE...

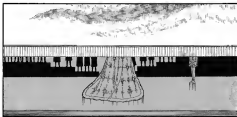
LIVING IN  
HELL...

EVEN IF I  
HAVE TO  
BURN  
FOR IT...

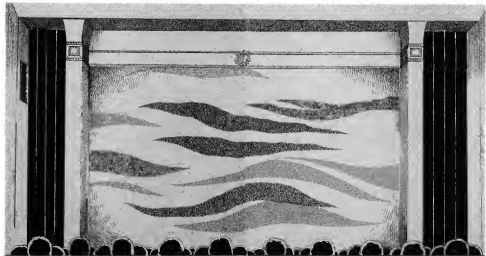
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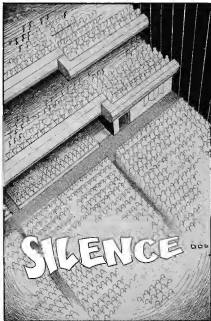
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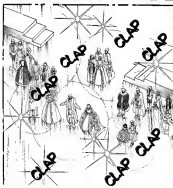


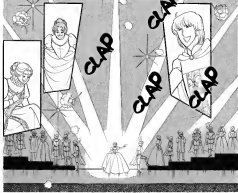




















Like I was possessed  
by another person  
during the play.

I have a  
wonderful  
feeling

Aah, but now  
that has  
lost its  
importance



On the stage I  
lived as Orphee!

Even now I can  
hardly believe  
I am Ayana  
Henderson!

Who would  
have  
thought  
this could  
happen?

Becoming a  
different  
person in  
body and soul

As  
Orphee!

The feeling  
of accomplish-  
ment is over-  
whelming me.













ROAR!



CLAP CLAP CLAP









THE REPORTERS ARE  
MOVING AWAY.

WHAT DID YOU  
FIND MOST  
INTERESTING  
IN ORZELD?

WAS IT A  
DIFFICULT  
ROLE TO  
FACE THINKING  
OF YOUR PRE-  
VIOUS CREW?

YOUR  
ORZELD  
WAS WONDER-  
FUL.

GOOD  
NIGHT.

GOOD  
NIGHT.

AN AUTO-  
GRAPH  
PLEASE.



THIS PLAY  
IS MY  
STAGE'S  
RETURN TO THE  
ACTOR WORLD.



WE'VE GOT ALL  
THE MATERIAL.  
WE NEED  
FROM AFTER  
HOURS.

NOW FOR ALICE.



SHY? YES  
THAT'S ME.

ARE YOU MAYBE  
ITALIANA,  
THE ACTRESS  
FOR ALICE?





What's with me?  
Why did I blush  
just now?

REALLY?  
THANK YOU!

AREN'T YOU GREAT,  
OUR LITTLE  
DADDYDIP?  
I SHALL SEND YOU  
LOTS OF FLOWERS  
LIKE I PROMISED.

Yes,  
yes!

CONTINUE TO  
ENLIGHTEN  
EVERYONE, LINE  
BY LINE, UNTIL  
THE END OF THE  
PRODUCTION RUN.

THE BEAUTI-  
FUL ALBUM  
WAS INDEED  
WONDERFUL.

SUCH A SHAME  
THAT IT'S ONLY  
POSSIBLE TO  
SEE HER ON  
STAGE.

HAPPY-  
SARA, THE  
GIRL HAS  
ARRIVED.

THERE  
WILL BE  
ENOUGH  
TO FILL  
THE POWER  
OF THE  
THEATRE.

PLEASE  
ROOM  
ATTENTION  
WHICH WOULD  
YOU'D PREFER.

WAKANO AND MITSUKI OF THEATRE IN JOURNAL, SAKURAI





...that I've used

No, it was just  
a simple bet...

So did it  
to draw  
attention  
to me?

WHAT FLOW-  
ERS WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
NEXT?

TOO BAD FOR  
HIM! I WELCOME  
ANY PUBLICITY!

To adver-  
tise me?

ANYTHING  
BUT PURPLE  
ROSES.

I don't want to  
receive these from  
anyone else...

Purple roses  
are really  
my favorite, but...

Yes! The roses  
sent to me by my  
secret admirer  
that comfort me  
and give me  
strength.





THE IMAGE-CHANGE OF HYUN-KUN, WITH HER CHARACTER ORGUELO, IS APPRECIATED THE MOST.

**Thomas Green**



Unlikely to  
resignation by  
Ayman al-Nasiri,  
Fadh al-Jihad  
group spokesman

Great  
entertainment  
reports Macmillan as  
the glowing Crystal

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the glowing Crystal

YES, FATHER?



BUT ON THE STAGE  
SHE SEEMED A  
NATURAL.

SHE HAD  
TO FACE A  
CHARACTER  
TOTALLY  
DIFFERENT  
FROM HER.



HOWEVER IT SHOULD  
BE MENTIONED THAT  
MAYA KITAZUMA HAD  
NEVER PLAYED A ROLE  
LIKE THAT OF ALICE.

STRANGELY ENOUGH,  
IN THIS PLAY MAYA  
KITAZUMA PROVES TO  
HAVE NO FEARS WHEN  
IT COMES TO AYUMI  
HIMAKURA.

SHE KNEW  
HOW TO  
MAKE HER  
CHARACTER  
SEEM  
NATURAL.

BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING  
IT SEEMS SHE IS DELIGHTED  
IN INTERPRETING ON  
THE STAGE.

SHE ADMITS  
HER ACTING  
SUPERIORITY  
AND HER  
POPULARITY...

AND THIS  
IS NOT A  
COMMON  
ABILITY.

AND THIS PART HAS  
FINALLY OPENED THE  
ROAD TO ANOTHER  
PLAY FOR MAYA  
KITAZUMA.

SHE SHARES  
POPULARITY AND  
NUMEROUS  
ADMIRERS WITH AYUMI.

WITH  
EVERY  
LINE SHE  
STINGS  
OUT EVEN  
MORE.

WE SHALL SEE IF  
IN THE END THIS  
ROAD WILL TAKE  
HER TO THE  
CRIMSON  
RODODENDRA...



ONE  
CHANCE IN  
A HUNDRED??

AS EX-  
PECTED OF  
CHIBUKU  
CANDIDATE

WHO, BABA  
RYU-  
JIN??

EVEN SO,  
WHAT DID  
THAT GUY  
SAY?

THAT SHE WOULD  
ACCEPT THE  
CHALLENGE EVEN  
IF THERE WAS  
ONLY A 1%  
CHANCE...

THERE IS ALMOST  
A YEAR LEFT UNTIL  
THE CRIMSON  
TELEKADO-BENGO  
HAS SET...

IF SHE IS NOT ABLE  
TO ATTAIN THE ACADEMIC  
ARTS AWARD OR THE  
BEST ACTOR AWARD  
WITHIN THE YEAR, THE  
CRIMSON SODOROS  
SHALL BE ATLAS'S.

EVEN IF CHIBUKU  
TECHNIQUE WERE  
TO BE IMPROV-  
ING...

FATHER.

YES, I  
KNOW IT.

TO SEE THAT  
LOST THIST-  
LEAF MAN-  
TEPICE

I ENTREAT  
YOU WITH  
THE CRIM-  
SON SOD-  
OROS.

PLAYED ONCE  
AGAIN IS THE  
DREAM I HAD  
FOR SO  
LONG...

NEST

BY THE  
WAY,  
MAMON...

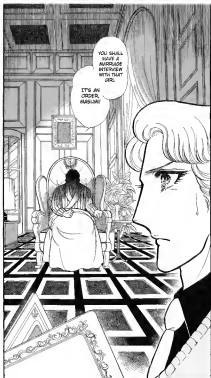
YOU MUST  
DO IT NO  
MATTER  
THE COST.











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